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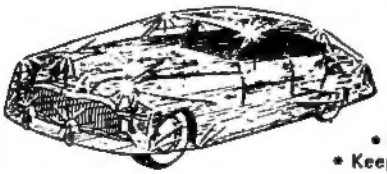

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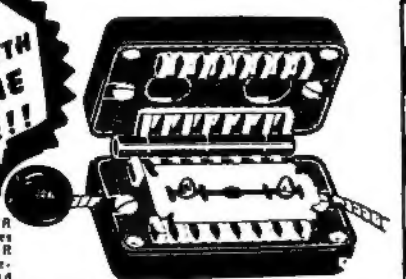

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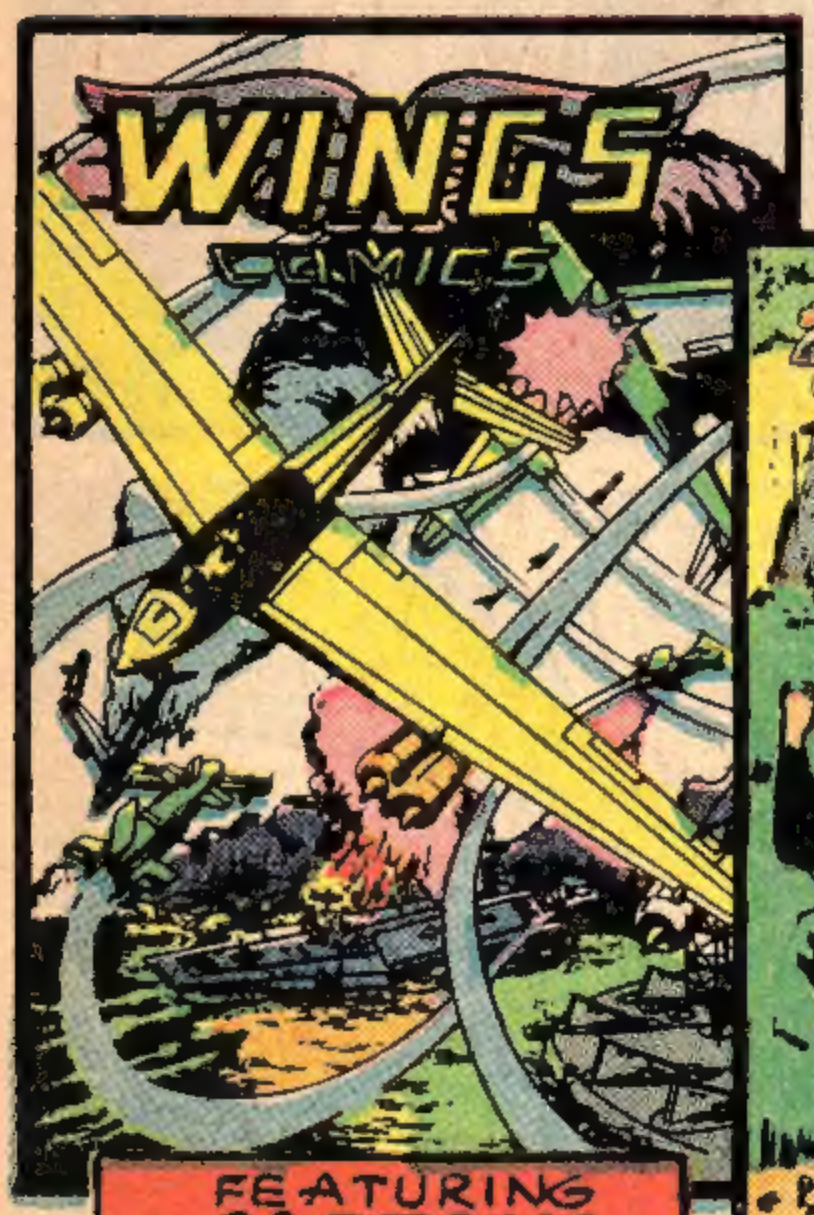

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THE GHOST GALLERY

BY DREW MURDOCH

NOBODY KNEW WHO WROTE THE MESSAGE... NOBODY CAN SAY WHAT DARK TWIST OF FATE SIGNED IT WITH A DEAD MAN'S NAME. BUT THERE IT WAS ON THE PRISON FLOOR WITH THE FUTURE WHISPERING IN IT:

THIS YOURS, HARRISON?

SURE! ONE OF MY MASH NOTES FROM LANA GRABLE.

THE ADDRESS, ALBERTA. IT COULD BE MINE AT THAT. BUT IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE ANYONE WROTE TO ME, I PROBABLY CAN'T READ IT.

REDY

BIG JOB FOR YOU. TOUGH WORK BUT GOOD PAY IF YOU'RE UP TO IT. SEE ME TO-NIGHT.

CASSIDY

CASSIDY! WHY YOU DIRTY RAT! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO? IS THIS A FRAME?

JOE! GRAB HIM! HE'S BLOWN HIS TOP!

TWO MORE MONTHS TO GO AND YOU WANT TO SPOIL MY RECORD!

FOR CASSIDY WAS A DEAD COP'S NAME...THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO HAD COST RED HARRISON TWENTY YEARS IN PRISON...

MAYBE I AM STIR-SIMPLE.. SOMEONE ELSE'S ACCIDENT... IT COULD BE ANYBODY'S

FOR YOU KNOW YOU HAVE NO REASON TO HAUNT ME, CASSIDY. I KNEW YOU WERE ON MY SIDE – I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU!

BUT WE WERE CRAZY KIDS... BIG SHOTS... FAST MONEY. I KNEW I WAS BEING A FOOL BUT HAD BEEN POOR TOO LONG!

"BUGS AND I WERE IN THE ALLEY. THE BOYS INSIDE WERE PASSING THE STUFF OUT TO US..."

MINK, RED! WE'LL MAKE PLENTY ON THIS LOAD.

YEAH, BUGS. I'LL NOSEY OUT FRONT AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND!

HEY, GANG, GET OUT OF SIGHT. SOMEONE'S COMIN'!

IT'S THAT COPPER, CASSIDY. I'LL FIX HIS WAGON.

ARE YOU NUTS? PUT AWAY THAT GUN AND GET OUTTA SIGHT! HE AND I WERE KIDS TOGETHER. I CAN HANDLE 'IM.

HI, RED! DID YOU GET MY LETTER? I'VE GOT A JOB LINED UP FOR YOU.

THAT'S SWELL. I'VE BEEN HOPING TO GET A BREAK.

"I COULD TELL BY THE LOOK IN CASSIDY'S EYES HE KNEW I WAS LYING BUT I HAD TO GET HIM AWAY FROM THERE.

WHERE IS IT? WHEN CAN I START? I'LL WALK ALONG WITH YOU AND YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT IT, C'MON!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, RED? WHY SO FIDGETY? WHAT?

NO, BUGS! LAY OFF! YOU FOOL!

YOU'VE KILLED HIM! NOW WE'RE IN A JAM!

HE WAS WISE. DIDN'T YOU SEE HOW HE WAS STALLIN'?

IF I'D GOT CASSIDY'S NOTE, THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT. I'D HAVE TAKEN THAT JOB AND PULLED OUT OF THE GANG... WHAT!

HEY, RED, I'VE GOT A JOB LINED UP FOR YOU. SEE ME TONIGHT.

HIS VOICE! I CAN HEAR IT! JUST AS PLAIN... AH... I GOTTA QUIT THINKING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

"THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER GUYS NAMED RED RIGHT HERE IN THE CLINK AND A LOT OF CASSIDYS TOO! I'M GOING TO SLEEP!" HE CLOSED HIS EYES AND SUDDENLY CASSIDY WAS FACING HIM!

YOU GOT MY NOTE THIS TIME, EH, RED! IT'S A BIG JOB I'VE GOT FOR YOU...

AND YOU CAN'T WALK OUT ON IT, RED. TIM'S IN TROUBLE!

I'D DO ANYTHING TO HELP THAT BOY, CASSIDY ANY-THING!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO HERE IN THE CLINK? GOSH...I MUST'VE BEEN DREAMING!

AM I SEEING THINGS? CASSIDY! YOU... YOU ARE HERE!

SURE, RED, AND GET THIS! THE BOYS ARE SHORTING THE LOCK CIRCUITS. IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG BUST-OUT!

NOT ME, CASSIDY. JUST TWO MONTHS MORE AN' I'M FREE!

FORGETTING TIM, AREN'T YOU? THERE GOES THE BOLT... THE DOOR'S OPEN. C'MON!

AND SUDDENCY THERE WAS NO TIME FOR THINKING WHAT WAS RIGHT... WAS RIGHT... IT WAS RUN, RED, RUN!

"FASTER! FASTER! THE SIRENS ARE SCREAMING..THE SEARCH-LIGHTS ARE SCANNING THE COURTYARD...

THIS WAY, BOYS...THERE'S THE TRUCK!

C'MON, RED... GRAB HOLD!

LET GO OF ME, CASSIDY YOU'RE HOLDING ME BACK!

THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT, RED! JUMP THE WALL...HURRY!

THE WALL! IT'S TOO HIGH. I CAN NEVER MAKE IT!

"BUT YOU'LL HELP ME CASSIDY! QUICK, GIMME A HAND!"

WE MADE IT. BUT WHY DID WE TAKE THE HARD WAY?

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS, RED.

"TRUCK'S STALLED.. COPPERS GOT 'EM COLD..."

"JUMP? YEAH! YEAH! IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!"

WHAT'S NEXT, CASSIDY? WHERE CAN I HIDE?

THEIR GETAWAY CAR'S OVER HERE...I'LL SHOW YOU!

IT'S UP TO YOU NOW, RED. SHIFT OUT OF THOSE STRIPES AND START DRIVING. YOU GOTTA STEP ON IT, RED!

TWO MONTHS TO GO AND I'D HAVE BEEN FREE, CASSIDY. WASN'T THERE SOMEONE ELSE YOU COULD HAVE USED TO HELP YOUR KID?

NO, RED. YOUR SISTER RAISED HIM AFTER I WAS KILLED. YOUR BROTHER PAID FOR HIS EDUCATION...

AND NOW IT'S UP TO YOU RED. YOU'RE TOUGH! EVEN A KILLING WOULDN'T FAZE YOU!

WHAT'S TIM MIXED IN? GIMME THE PITCH?

THE OLD BUNCO GAME WITH A NEW TWIST. TIM'S A JEWELRY SALESMAN...THERE'S A GIRL POSING AS A RICH MAN'S DAUGHTER...

GRIMLY, RED LISTENED. FASTER AND FASTER, THE BIG CAR ROARED DOWN UPON THE DISTANT TOWN. BUT PRECIOUS MINUTES WERE TICKING AWAY AND AHEAD!.

..THE TRAP WAS SET. TIM HAD THE JEWELS IN HIS POCKET... THE GIRL MADE SURE OF THAT...

BUT YOUR FATHER PHONED FOR ME TO TAKE THEM TO YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT, ANITA.

HE WAS CALLED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY... COME ON, I FEEL LUCKY.

BUT A GAMBLING HALL IS NO PLACE FOR ME WITH FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF JEWELRY IN MY POCKET, ANITA.

THEY'RE AS GOOD AS MINE... DAD'LL BUY THEM FOR ME.

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AS INSIDE...

HE'S HANGING BACK...ARGUING... NOW ANITA'S PUTTING ON HER CHARM...

...AND HERE THEY COME. SHE'S GOT 'IM HOOKED.

WHERE'S RED? WHAT'S KEEPIN' HIM?

I'LL RUN THE WHEEL...NO ROUGH STUFF UNLESS HE GETS NASTY!

SHHH, GUYS... THEY'RE COMIN'

MY LUCKY NIGHT, NICK. YOU OWE ME TEN GRAND. I'LL TAKE IT IN CHIPS.

CERTAINLY, MISS ANITA. AND LUCK TO YOU.

MEANWHILE, RADIOS CRACKLE NEWS OF THE PRISON BREAK...

GREEN CAR...DRIVER ONLY OCCUPANT. LAST SEEN ON ROUTE THREE...

PULL UP! LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

THAT'S HIM. I'LL SWING AROUND AND BLOCK THE ROAD.

POLICE

AS...

PATROL CAR AHEAD... AND I'M ONLY A HALF MILE FROM NICK'S HANGOUT!

AND CASSIDY'S VOICE WHIRLED IN HIS BRAIN, "COME ON RED...STEP ON IT!"

...SO HE CLUNG TO THE WHEEL... THOUGH BULLETS WERE WHINING AND WHISTLING AROUND HIM...

JUMP PETE! THE DARNED FOOL'S COMING THROUGH!

POLICE

THEN A DEAFENING SMASH...A BURST OF FLAME...EXPLOSION!

CHALK UP ONE DEAD CIRCUIT, PETE!

MEANWHILE AT THE GAMBLING TABLE...

I'M BROKE...HE CLEANED ME OUT. BUT WAIT...GIVE ME THOSE JEWELS, TIM.

YOU MEAN IT! BUT I CAN'T, ANITA!

DON'T BE SILLY! I TOLD YOU THEY'RE AS GOOD AS MINE ALREADY. DAD'LL PAY YOU FOR THEM TOMORROW.

IT ISN'T RIGHT, SUPPOSE YOU LOSE.

I WON'T. HERE NICK. FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF CHIPS, PLEASE.

SURE, MISS ANITA. I'LL PUT THEM IN MY SAFE.

AS OUTSIDE...

NICK'S JOINT. BOY I'D NEVER HAVE MADE IT, IF I HADN'T JUMPED JUST BEFORE THE CRASH!

YOU, CASSIDY!

YEAH, RED...THEY'VE GOT THE JEWELS... THE GIRL JUST BET THE WAD...AND LOST... TIM'S GOING NUTS!

I'LL GET UP THERE AN' STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT FAST!

AS UPSTAIRS...

IT'S ALL A FRAME-UP... THE WHEEL'S CROOKED AND ANITA'S IN WITH YOU GUYS!

SO YOU WISED UP FASTER THAN WE THOUGHT, KID! BOY YOU WON'T SQUAWK... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

WHAT!

THOSE JEWELS...I'LL TAKE 'EM!

A STICKUP... BLAST 'IM, MEN!

CASSIDY! THEY'VE GOT ME, CASSIDY, BUT I'LL HOLD 'EM OFF... YOU TAKE CARE OF TIM!

RUN FOR IT, MEN. I'VE GOT THE SWAG OHHH!

QUICK, TIM. NICK'S THERE ON THE FLOOR, THE JEWELS IN HIS POCKET... TAKE THEM AND GET OUT...FAST!

"TAKE THE JEWELS AND GET OUT!" AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT HAUNTING VOICE ECHOED THROUGH THE BOYS NUMBED BRAIN... MECHANICALLY HE OBEYED...

...AND NOW FOOTSTEPS WERE POUNDING UP THE STAIRS...

...THE DOOR BURST OPEN...SHARP COMMANDS WERE BACKED BY AN UNWAVERING GUN...

THEN RED'S BULLET-RIDDLED BODY TOTTERED..CRUMBLED.

CASSIDY..TIM GOT THE JEWELS AND ESCAPED. WE'RE SQUARE NOW AREN'T, WE, CASSIDY?

SURE, RED. OUR ACCOUNT'S PAID IN FULL. NOW COME ALONG..I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME!

WHAT A FOOL THAT GUY WAS. SIXTY DAYS AN' HE'D HAVE BEEN FREE. WONDER WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT?

AW...HE'S STIR-HAPPY. LET HIM DIE IN PEACE!

THE END

THE WEREWOLF HUNTER

By ARMAND WEYGAND

NEVER WILL I FORGET THAT NIGHT IN CAIRO TWENTY YEARS AGO WHEN PAT WALTHAM USHERED THAT WOMAN INTO MY APARTMENT..." HER NAME IS CEPHALIA," HE SAID...

Mistress of the WEB

By Prof. Broussard

Volume IX

...SHE HAS AN INTERESTING VASE TO SELL. PLEASE APPRAISE IT FOR ME, PROFESSOR.

GIVE ME THE BOX. I WILL UNPACK IT, CEPHALIA.

NO! NO! IT IS TOO FRAGILE! YOU MAY STUDY IT FROM HERE.

"INSTANTLY I KNEW THAT NO HUMAN HAND COULD HAVE SPUN THAT DELICATE WEBBED DESIGN..."

WHY YOU BROUGHT IT HERE, CEPHALIA, I DO NOT KNOW. BUT I DO KNOW THAT YOU WOULD NEVER SELL IT! TAKE IT AND GET OUT!

YOU THINK IT IS A FAKE? HERE, EXAMINE IT CLOSER...WHAT!

NO! NO! TAKE YOUR HAND OFF IT!

"SHE HAD SENSED THAT I KNEW IT WAS AN EVIL THING AND THAT SHE WAS PRACTICING SOME STRANGE SORCERY..."

"BUT HER CRY WAS LATE..."

LOOK...A SPIDER! IT RAN OUT OF THE VASE AND BIT ME!

IT IS JUST A SCRATCH, SEE...ALREADY IT HAS HEALED...NOW I MUST GO!

WAIT! THE SPIDER... BEHIND YOU!

YOU KNEW IT WAS IN THAT VASE WHEN YOU BROUGHT IT HERE, CEPHALIA, BUT IT WON'T BITE ANYONE ELSE!

FOR THIS YOU ARE CURSED! I, CEPHALIA, PRINCESS OF THE WEB PEOPLE, HAVE SPOKEN!

STOP, PROFESSOR, DON'T KILL IT!

"I DID NOT HEED HER CRY...I STAMPED AND FELT IT CRUNCH UNDER MY FOOT, THEN SHE SCREAMED..."

"AND CLUTCHING HER VASE IN HER ARMS, SHE FLED..."

I REPEATED HECATE'S RITE TO DISPEL THE CURSE SHE HAD PUT ON ME. THEN AS WALTHAM LEFT FOR HIS YACHT, I FOLLOWED THE GIRL!

"SHE LED ME THROUGH THE TWISTED, NARROW CAIRO ALLEYS TO A HOUSE ON THE RUGMAKER'S STREET..."

"I WATCHED AS SHE ENTERED...THEN QUICKLY I CLIMBED TO THE BALCONY..."

"...SAW HER KNEEL BEFORE THAT CURSED THING... HEARD HER PRAYER..."

COME, MY PETS. COME FROM YOUR TEMPLE. TODAY YOU LOST ONE BROTHER BUT MANY WILL COME TO TAKE HIS PLACE. COME, MY LITTLE ONES, CARESS ME!

"AND INSTANTLY, THE ROOM WAS ALIVE WITH CRAWLY, HAIRY ARACHNIDS...SWIFTLY, THEY SWARMED AROUND HER...!"

HIS BOAT IS IN THE HARBOR. CARRY US TO IT, O CLOUD OF DARKNESS!

"I HAD SEEN AND HEARD ENOUGH. INSTANTLY I WITHDREW INTO THE SHADOWS..."

A SORCERESS! AND ARMED WITH SOME DARK POWER TO CHANGE MEN INTO SPIDERS! HEAVEN HELP ME TO GET TO THE YACHT IN TIME.

"BUT IT WAS LONG MINUTES LATER..."

PULL UP ALONGSIDE I'LL CATCH HOLD OF THAT ROPE!

TERROR-SCREAMS FROM THE CABIN! THE PORT HOLE WILL TELL THE STORY!

"INSIDE, NESTLED IN A HUGE WEB LAY WALTHAM... A HAIRY, SPINY THING OF EVIL. HIS WIFE WAS STUMBLING TOWARD HIM..."

DARLING! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU? OHHH!

COME CLOSER, ALICE, COME CLOSER...LET ME KISS YOU!

HE CALLS YOU, MY DEAR. SO GO TO HIM. HURRY!

NO! NO! HE WILL MAKE ME LIKE HIM! LET ME GO!

"I HAD SEEN ENOUGH. I LEAPED ONTO THE DECK AND RUSHED INTO THE CABIN..."

LOOK, CEPHALIA, I HAVE YOUR VASE!

WITHOUT IT YOUR POWER IS LOST. NEITHER YOU NOR YOUR BLACK MAGIC CAN MEND IT!

FOOL! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE! MY SLAVES ABOVE WILL DESTROY YOU!

"I PICKED UP WALTHAM'S WIFE... RUSHED TOWARD THE DOOR...HEARD CEPHALIA CRY.."

"SHE WAS RIGHT! FOR ON THE DECK, I FACED THE CREW.. AND EACH WAS ARMED WITH SPIDER STINGERS."

"AND NOW WE WERE HEMMED IN...THEY WERE ALL AROUND US...WHEN SUDDENLY ALICE SCREAMED!"

"INSTANTLY IT LOOMED ABOVE US...SPEEDING FROM OUT OF THE GLOOM..."

"AND FROM ITS BRIDGE THE PILOT SHOUTED ORDERS..!"

LOOK! A SHIP! IT'S GOING TO CRASH US!

MAN THE BOATS! STAND BY TO PICK UP SURVIVORS! WE ARE GOING TO RAM THAT YACHT!

"IT STRUCK!' STILL CLUTCHING ALICE, I LEAPED OVER THE RAILING ..."

"INSTANTLY THE BOAT WAS SINKING...THEN CAME THE RESCUE CREW..."

SO PERISHED THAT EVIL WOMAN WITH ALL ABOARD. BUT IT WAS BEST, FOR NO POWER ON EARTH COULD HAVE SAVED WALTHAM AND HIS CREW!

THE END

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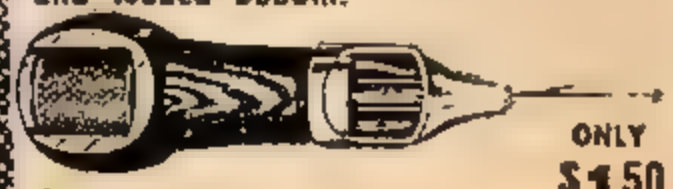
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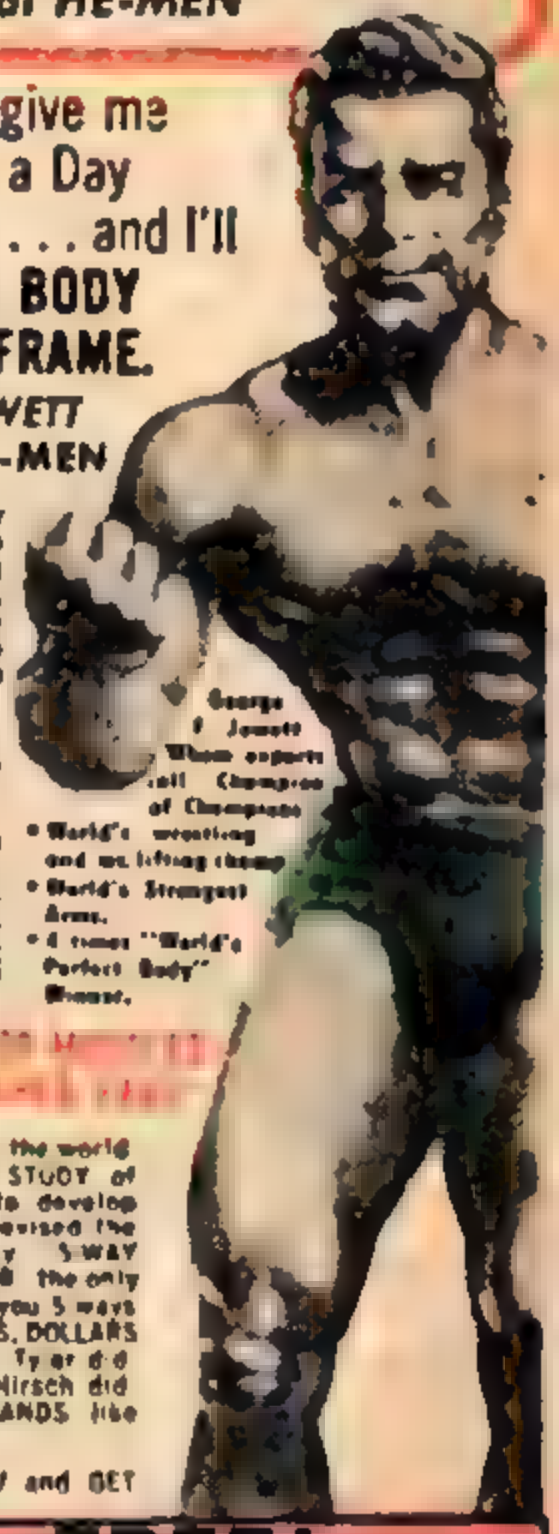

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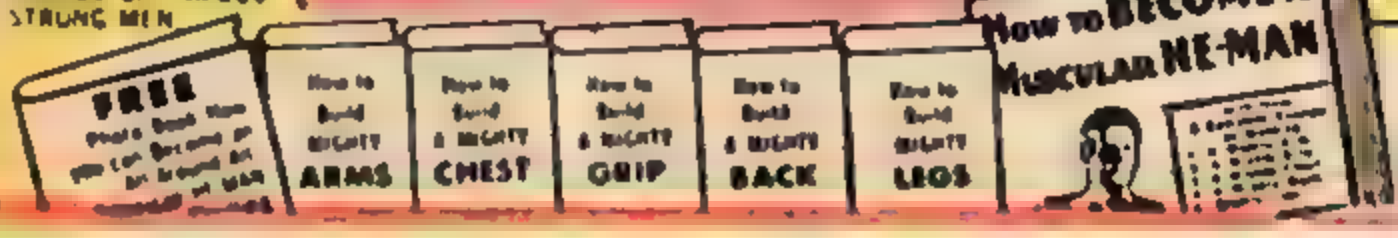

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"AN EVIL EYE WAS FOCUSED ON ME! I FELT ITS TERRIFYING POWER THE INSTANT I ENTERED THE BAGDAD MARKET PLACE. DESPERATELY I STRUGGLED TO BREAK ITS GRASP.. BUT IT HELD ME TIGHTLY... DREW ME TOWARD A RUG WEAVER'S BOOTH..."

WHY DO YOU STARE AT ME, WITCH? ARE YOUR WARES SO POOR, YOU MUST HYPNOTIZE YOUR CUSTOMERS TO BUY?

ALL THE GOLD IN BAGDAD WOULD NOT BUY MY RUGS, SIRE. I SELL MAN'S DESTINY. COME IN, PLEASE!

THAT OLD CRONE'S THE CULPRIT! I'LL UNMASK HER...FORCE HER TO REMOVE HER CURSE...

FIRST REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE NEVER MET BEFORE. NOW LOOK AT THIS RUG. YOU RECOGNIZE THE FACE?

YES! YES! IT'S MINE! IS THIS A TRICK?

THE FATES DO NOT JEST, SIRE...I DID BUT WEAVE THE PATTERN THEY SUPPLIED.

"I TRIED TO TURN AND LEAVE...BUT HER WILL COMPLETELY DOMINATED ME... AND SOON SHE WAS MUMBLING OVER A SMOKING FIRE-POT..."

SIT DOWN! LET ME SHOW YOU THE PATH THAT YOU WILL TRAVEL BEFORE THIS DAY IS DONE!

LIFT THE VEIL OF DARKNESS FROM THIS UNBELIEVER'S EYES, O' FATES! REVEAL THE FUTURE TO HIM!

"THE SCENT OF SMOULDERING SANDALWOOD PENETRATED THE ROOM... VAINLY I TRIED TO CLING TO REALITY.. BUT SLOWLY THE WALLS AROUND ME FADED..."

STOP WITCH! REMOVE YOUR CURSE AND LET ME GO!

"IT IS MIDDAY' I HEARD HER WHISPER, 'THE THIEVES AUCTION HAS STARTED. HURRY... HURRY...GO TO IT!'"

"AND AS IN A DREAM I SAW MYSELF LEAVE THE TINY BOOTH..."

"AND INSTANTLY..."

THE SELLER IS OFFERING A GOLDEN IDOL...I MUST SEE IT CLOSER...

THAT IDOL IS A TREASURE, STOLEN FROM SOME ANCIENT TEMPLE...

...A PRICELESS THING...AND THE STUPID BUYER WILL NEVER APPRECIATE ITS BEAUTY.

I MUST HAVE IT! AH... HIS CARRIAGE TURNS ONTO THE NORTH ROAD. I WILL FOLLOW HIM!

"ALL POWER OF REASONING FLED. GREED FILLED MY MIND. I STOLE A HORSE... OVERTOOK THE CARRIAGE OUTSIDE OF TOWN..."

PULL UP YOUR HORSES! STOP THE CARRIAGE!

"THE GIRL AND THE RAJAH SCREAMED IN TERROR..."

"BUT AN UNQUENCHING GREED TO OWN THAT BIT OF SCULPTURE DEAFENED THEIR PLEAS. I DRAGGED THE GIRL FROM THE CARRIAGE..."

THE RAJAH BOUGHT THAT IDOL AND GAVE IT TO YOU. I WANT IT!

QUICK...TELL ME WHERE YOU HAVE HIDDEN IT...YOU REFUSE... THEN I'LL MAKE YOU TELL ME!

POLICE! POLICE! HELP! POLICE!

"AND BEFORE HER CRIES DIED ON HER LIPS... STRONG HANDS CLUTCHED ME..."

LET ME GO! SHE MUST GIVE ME THAT IDOL...SHE MUST!

"QUICKLY THEY DRAGGED ME THROUGH THE STREETS TO THE COURTHOUSE..."

"THEY FORCED MY HEAD ONTO THE BLOCK....THE EXECUTIONER RAISED HIS AX..."

"AND THEN THE MAGISTRATE WAS SOLEMNLY SPEAKING..."

WE MUST MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THIS HIGH-WAYMAN. BEHEAD HIM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE!

"WHEN SUDDENLY THE SCENE FADED... THE SCENT OF SANDALWOOD CHOKED MY NOSTRILS...I OPENED MY EYES..."

YOU-YOU PUT ME IN A TRANCE...CONJURED THAT VISION TO SCARE ME!

"BEWILDERED, I STAGGERED FROM THE BOOTH...HURRIED OFF TO MY HOTEL...BUT AS I NEARED IT, A CROWD BLOCKED THE STREET...

THIS PLACE FAMILIAR... THOSE PEOPLE THE SAME ONES I SAW WHEN I WAS IN THAT WITCH'S TRANCE...WHY!

NO, SIRE, I DID BUT LIFT THE VEIL TO SHOW YOU THE FUTURE. PAY ME, AND I WILL REWEAVE THE FACE ON THE RUG!

I'M A FOOL TO LET YOU TRICK ME, BUT HERE...TAKE THE MONEY!

YOU WILL NEVER REGRET PAYING, SIRE. NOW GO FOR I MUST BEGIN MY WORK AT ONCE!

THE BLOCK! THEY HAVE FORCED THAT MAN ONTO THE BLOCK JUST AS THEY DID ME!

"THE MAGISTRATE AND THE EXECUTIONER ARE THE SAME ONES I SAW IN MY TRANCE!"

"THEN THE AX FLASHED HIGH ABOVE THE POOR MAN'S HEAD..."

"AND THUDDED DOWN."

IT'S MY DREAM ALL OVER AGAIN...BUT THIS TIME IT'S REAL!

"AND MINUTES LATER..."

I MUST GO BACK TO THE OLD HAG'S STALL. I MUST SEE IF SHE REWOVE THE RUG!

STAND ASIDE, OLD ONE. DID YOU FINISH YOUR WORK?

IT IS REWOVEN...AND THAT IS THE FACE OF THE MAN THEY EXECUTED! THEN IT'S TRUE!

BEHIND YOU, SIRE... LOOK.

"CERTAINLY I KEPT MY PROMISE,' THE OLD CRONE CACKLED. I COULD STAND NO MORE... I TURNED AND FLED."

THE GHOST GALLERY

BY DREW MURDOCH

THE SPECTACLES WERE BLACK WITH AGE, THEIR LENSES FOGGED AND DIM — SO WHY WAS THEIR MYSTERIOUS OWNER SO EAGER TO RE-COVER THEM? "MOST PRECIOUS TO ME, MR. MURDOCH," SAID HIS HARSH TELEPHONE VOICE. "I WILL BE AT YOUR OFFICE WITHIN THE HOUR." AND THUS BEGAN THE AMAZING CASE OF **THE DARK EYES of DESTINY!**

YOU'RE ALL SET, HORGAN? DICTAPHONE RIGGED AND GUN-VENTS READY?

YEP, MR. MURDOCH, AND ZABALSKI HERE IS THE BEST SHOT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

AH...THERE'S YOUR BUZZER NOW. GO IN AND ANSWER IT. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

I AM AZRAEL, MR. MURDOCH... I HAVE COME FOR MY GLASSES...

AH, YES... BUT BEFORE I HAND THEM OVER, I SHOULD LIKE TO CHECK THESE REPORTS WITH YOU...

VERY STRANGE HAPPENINGS ARE CONNECTED WITH THESE GLASSES, MR. AZRAEL. PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP US GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THEM.

HIS FACE... WHO DOES HE REMIND ME OF?

NOW THIS FIRST REPORT COVERS EVENTS AT OLD MUELLER'S SHOP WHERE YOU LEFT THE FRAMES FOR REPAIRS. ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 29th. . . .

POP, DANNY WANTS YOUR ANSWER. WHEN WILL YOU TURN MY MONEY OVER TO ME SO WE CAN GET MARRIED?

PLEASE...CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY... THESE GLASSES... RUSH JOB.

AW... YOU'RE ALWAYS STALLING, MR. MUELLER. YOU KNOW LENA LOVES ME... WHY WON'T YOU LET HER BE HAPPY?

HAPPY WITH A NO GOOD POOLROOM LOAFER? YOU GET A JOB, DANNY, AND THEN...

HUM-HUM... TRY THE FIT.

I GOT NOTHING AGAINST YOU, DANNY, EXCEPT... MEIN GOTT... WHAT DO I SEE?

HE SAW SOME STRANGE IMAGE... PERHAPS SOME OPTICAL ILLUSION?

PERHAPS, MR. AZRAEL... HIS DAUGHTER SAYS HE SCREAMED IN TERROR...

DANNY... THE POLICE... THEY HAFF YOU!

THEY PUT YOU IN THE DEATH CHAIR...

NO... NO! I SEE IT NOW... YOU'RE EVIL... EVIL, DANNY! FOR MURDER YOU DIE! GET AWAY FROM MINE LENA!

WHY, YOU CRAZY OLD FOOL!

DANNY, PUT THAT GUN AWAY! POP'S ONLY TALKING!

HE'S ALWAYS TALKING AGAINST ME. HE'LL NEVER TURN THE MONEY LOOSE!

NO... NOT TO YOU, JAILBIRD. YOU SHALL NOT HAFF MINE LENA... GET OUT!

LAY OFF, YOU HALF-WIT KRAUT. DON'T CROWD ME, I TELL YOU!

DEAD... YOU KILLED HIM, DANNY!

THE GUN... I DIDN'T MEAN IT... GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST.

MOST UNFORTUNATE, MR. MURDOCH. BUT HOW DOES AN OLD MAN'S HALLUCINATIONS CONCERN ME? MY GLASSES, PLEASE... I'M IN A HURRY.

NO...WAIT... THERE'S MORE...THE GLASSES NEXT APPEARED IN THE HANDS OF A SCHOOL-BOY...

YOU FOUND THEM ON THE STREET, TOMMY? WHY, YES, I'LL POST A NOTICE.

BUT BE SURE TO SAY THEY'RE FUNNY GLASSES, MISS PRICE.

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WHEN YOU PUT THEM ON AND LOOK AT THINGS... LIKE MR. WILSON DOWN THERE... THEY CHANGE SHAPES...GOSH! LOOKIT HIM NOW!

SCHOOL BUS

SCHOOL BUS

THE BUS OUT OF CONTROL... THE EXPRESS AT THE CROSSING!

MR. WILSON... H-HE'S ALL BLOODY! HERE... SEE FOR YOUR-SELF!

BLOODY? WHY, HE'S SITTING IN HIS BUS AS CALM AS...

YOU MUSTN'T LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN AWAY WITH YOU, TOMMY... MR. WILSON IS PERFECTLY...

GREAT HEAVENS! WHAT'S THIS I SEE?

CRASHED! THOSE CHILDREN KILLED! NO...NO...I MUST STOP IT!

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MRS. JOHNSON, WAIT! I'VE GOT TO HAVE YOUR CAR... GOT TO STOP THAT BUS!

KNOCKED ME DOWN... STOLE MY CAR! ME, THE PRINCIPAL!

HELP! POLICE! HELP!

STOP, MR. WILSON! PULL IN... PULL IN!

WHAT THE BLAZES...!

CUT ME OFF, THE LUNATIC! RISKED THIRTY LIVES! ARREST HER, OFFICER!

SAID YOUR BRAKES WERE DEFECTIVE... YOU WERE HEADED FOR A WRECK... THEN FAINTED!

MY BRAKES... WHY, THEY'RE PERFECT! SHE'S CRAZY AS A LOON!

BUT, MR. AZRAEL, MISS PRICE WAS RIGHT. THE BUS BRAKES ***WERE*** OUT OF KILTER... THIRTY KIDS MIGHT HAVE CRASHED THE TRAIN IF THE TEACHER HAD NOT ACTED.

A MOST INTRIGUING STORY... BUT TIME IS SHORT... MY GLASSES, PLEASE.

STRANGE STORIES ARE NOT UNUSUAL IN MY LINE OF WORK, MR. MURDOCH. I HAVE APPOINTMENTS TO KEEP..

GET YOUR ROD READY, HORGAN.

HIS FACE... WHY CAN'T I SEE HIS FACE?

THERE'S JUST ONE MORE REPORT, MR. AZRAEL. IT WON'T TAKE LONG.

HOW THE GLASSES TURNED UP IN THE DRESSING ROOM OF ROXANNE, THE CIRCUS PERFORMER, WE DO NOT KNOW. BUT THIS WAS THE RESULT...

HMMM... SOMEBODY IN THE GAY NINETIES TABLEAU FORGOT THEIR ANTIQUE CHEATERS... HUM...

WONDER HOW I'D LOOK AS A CRINOLINE BELLE?

LENSES SO FOGGY, I CAN'T SEE... WHAT... THOSE MIRROR SHADOWS!

MAD FACES LEERING... THAT GIRL IN THE STRAIT JACKET... IT'S ME!

BUT THAT'S SILLY... MY NERVES ARE UPSET... SOME TRICK OF THE LIGHTS. OH-OH... THERE'S THE BUZZER FOR THE PARADE ASSEMBLY.

THESE GLASSES, TONI... DID YOU LEAVE THEM ON OUR DRESSING TABLE? FUNNY DARN THING HAPPENED...

IF YOU'D STOP DREAMING AND GET HERE ON TIME, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO HOLD YOUR NOBLE CHARGER, CHUM. HERE... TAKE HIM.

AND WHAT'S THIS RAVING ABOUT GLASSES_ YOU MEAN THE GIGGLE WATER KIND_

NO, HONEY, THESE. I WAS ONLY TRYING THEM ON FOR FUN.

WHEN I LOOKED IN THE MIRROR, HONEY... IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!

YOUR DRESS AFIRE... YOU'RE SCREAMING. YOU'LL BE KILLED!

I SAW IT, I TELL YOU. GET OUT OF THAT DRESS... I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN!

LET GO, YOU NITWIT... THE BAND'S STARTING. I'VE GOT TO TAKE MY PLACE.

I WON'T LET YOU. WHAT I SAW IN THE GLASSES IS TRUE, TONI... I KNOW IT. I WON'T LET YOU DIE!

TONI... TONI... OHHH..!

THAT BEGAN THE TRAGEDY, MR. AZRAEL. AN ACCIDENT... CLOWN'S TORCH... A FLIMSY DRESS, AFLAME!

FIRE SQUAD! HORSE GONE CRAZY... IT'LL STAMPEDE THOSE ELEPHANTS... SOUND THE RIOT CALL!

TONI! WHERE IS SHE? I DID IT... WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HER... LET ME THROUGH!

BUT THE FLAMES AND THE PANIC WERE BLAZING HIGH BY THEN, MR. AZRAEL!

STEADY, FOLKS, STEADY. DON'T LOSE YOUR HEADS!

NO USE... CAN'T HEAR ME. THEY'LL TRAMPLE EACH OTHER.

THE LIONS ARE LOOSE!

FIRE-FIRE!

LET ME OUT!

I DID IT...MY FAULT... I CAUSED IT ALL...

POOR KID! GET THE STRAIGHT-JACKET!

TEN KILLED... SIX KIDS MISSIN'... WHAT A TRAGEDY!

AND BECAUSE OF THAT TRAGEDY, MR. AZRAEL, THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAS ASKED ME TO QUESTION YOU... I HAVE EXAMINED THESE GLASSES...

OKAY, LETS GO!

OUR SIGNAL, ZAB!

AND OUR TESTS SHOW NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THEM...CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE MYSTERY OF THEM...AND OF YOU?

SOMETIMES THEY WORK... SOMETIMES NOT... PUT THEM ON NOW!

LOOK AT MY FACE, MR. MURDOCH, AND PERHAPS IT WILL TELL YOU WHY MY EYES MUST SEE THE FUTURE FOR GOOD OR FOR EVIL... WHAT'S THIS? A TRAP?

BUT I SEE ONLY A FOGGY SHAPE...WAIT! NOW IT CLEARS...

THIS IS A PINCH, BUD... PUT 'EM UP!

MY FACE AND MY NAME...ADD THEM UP, MR. MURDOCH... NOW MY GLASSES... QUICK, I MUST GO!

AZ-RAEL...THE WINGS OF DEATH! NO... D-DON'T TOUCH HIM!

WH-WHERE IS HE? WHAT EXPLODED?

HE... HE THREW A SMOKE BOMB!

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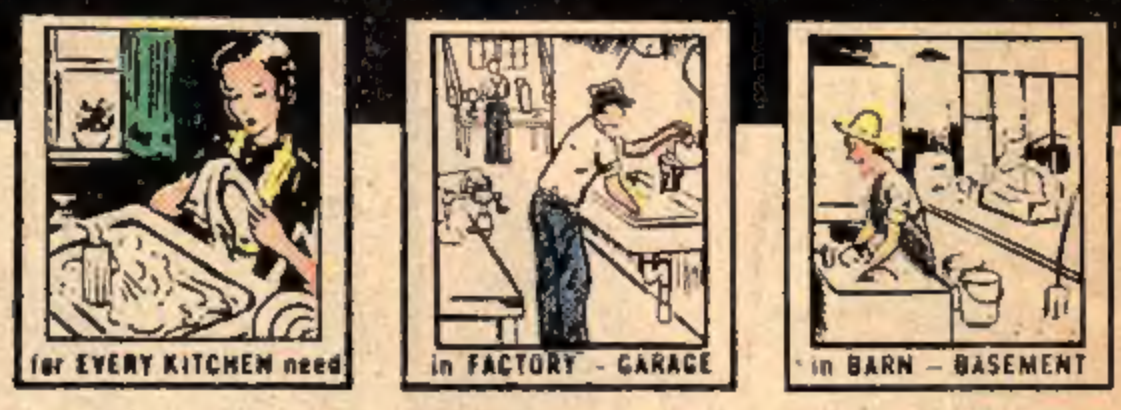

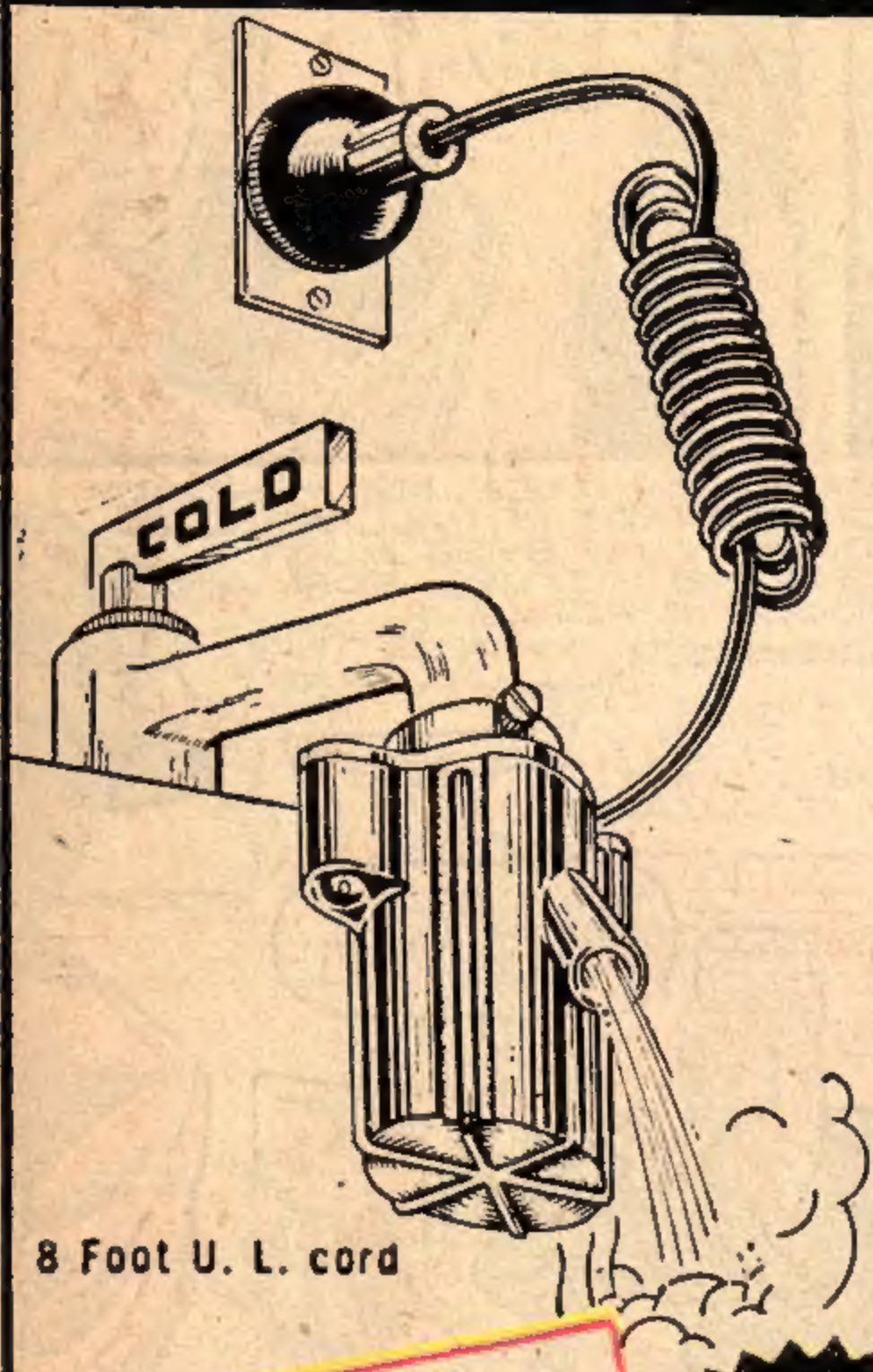

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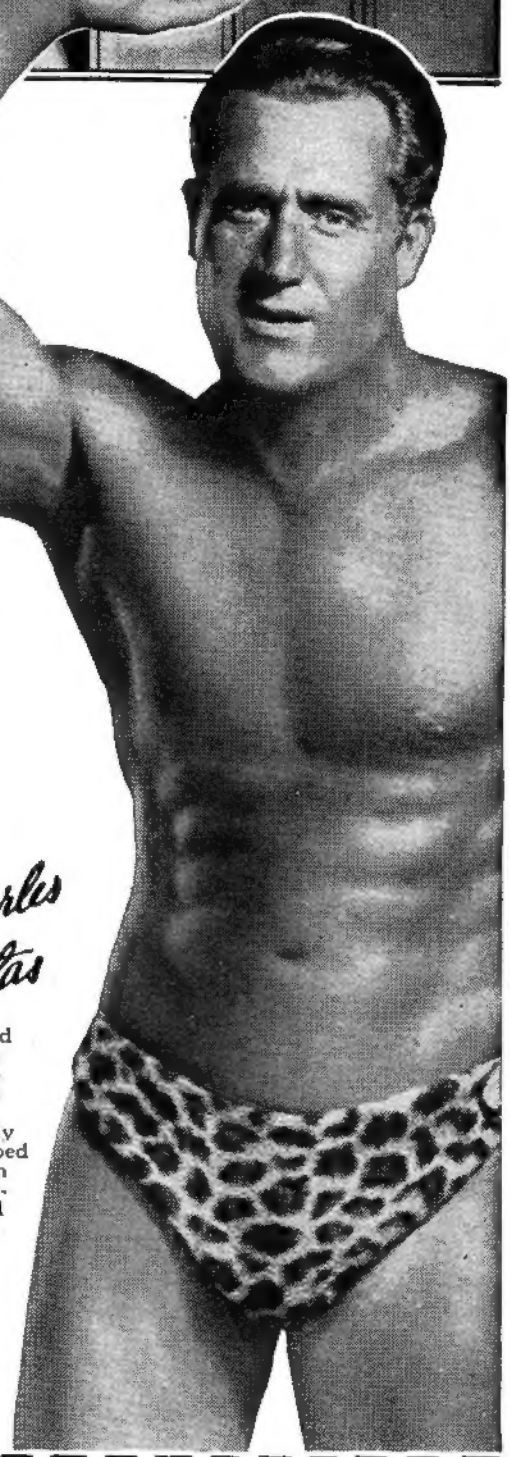

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